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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – Feds Charge 24 with Transporting Drugs to Chicago via Amtrak

(U) Chicago – Two dozen people are facing federal drug charges after prosecutors say they used Amtrak trains to transport cocaine and heroin from California to Chicago. The US Attorney's Office in Chicago says the charges are part of a multi-year investigation dubbed "Operation Derailed." In a news release, prosecutors say the defendants received large amounts of heroin and cocaine from traffickers in Mexico and California. They then moved it from Los Angeles to Chicago aboard the Amtrak Express, a commercial train line. Some drugs were concealed inside pool filters and car parts. One of the people named in the indictment unsealed Thursday is an Amtrak employee who's accused of stealing a package of cocaine after it arrived at Union Station in Chicago.

SOURCE: 29 October 2016, [Chicago Tribune](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Massive Manhunt Ends with Fugitive Suspect Dead

(U) Leedey – A massive, weeklong manhunt for a suspect in a string of violent crimes, including the killing of two relatives, the shooting of three law enforcement officers and multiple carjackings, has ended in a police chase and shootout that left the man dead in western Oklahoma. Authorities believe Michael Dale Vance Jr. posted two Facebook Live videos last week, documenting his run from police. An Oklahoma state trooper shot and killed Vance yesterday near Leedey. Authorities were tipped off to Vance's whereabouts by a farmer who spotted a vehicle in his field that matched the description of the car the fugitive was thought to be driving. Vance was wanted on multiple charges, including two counts of first-degree murder. Vance was suspected of shooting a woman and stealing her vehicle at a mobile home park near Wellston, then driving about 8 miles to his relatives' mobile home in Luther and killing them.

SOURCE: 31 October 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Sheriff's Deputy Shot and Killed, Suspect in Custody

(U) Ladysmith – A sheriff's deputy was fatally shot in western Wisconsin, and authorities said they have arrested a 43-year-old suspect. The deputy with the Rusk County Sheriff's Office was shot on Saturday while checking on a suspicious vehicle. Authorities tracked down and arrested Doug Nitek, 43, yesterday at an undisclosed residence after deputies were fired upon once by the suspect. The sheriff did not elaborate on how law enforcement identified Nitek as the suspect. Public records show he lives a few miles southeast of the shooting scene.

SOURCE: 31 October 2016, [Star Tribune](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Kenya – ISIL Claims Responsibility for Attack Outside US Embassy

(U) Nairobi – A follower of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) was responsible for an attack last week on a Kenyan police officer outside the US embassy in Nairobi. A knife-wielding man whom police described as a criminal was shot dead outside the US Embassy in Nairobi last Thursday after he attacked and injured a Kenyan police officer. Kenya's police spokesman said at the time the motive was

unclear and an investigation was launched. ISIL previously claimed an attack in Kenya in September by three women who were shot dead after they tricked their way into a police station in Mombasa and tried to torch the building.

SOURCE: 29 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Female Suicide Bombers Suspected in Deadly Blasts

(U) Maiduguri – Female suicide bombers are suspected to be behind the twin explosions that rattled the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Saturday near a refugee camp and a fuel depot. The attacks targeted the city's Bakassi Internally Displaced Persons camp and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp.'s Mega Filling Station, the Nigerian army said in a statement. At least nine people were killed and 24 injured in the two explosions, according to the country's National Emergency Agency (NEMA). In the first attack the suspected bomber ran into a crowd at the entrance of the Bakassi IDP camp, killing five people. Ten minutes later and a mile away, a second blast killed three occupants on a motorized rickshaw at the entrance of a fuel depot owned by the National Oil Company. The army puts the total number of dead at 8.

SOURCE: 29 October 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) Turkey – US orders Istanbul Consulate Staff Families to Leave

(U) Istanbul – The US government has ordered all civilian family members of its Istanbul consulate staff to leave Turkey because of increasing threats from extremist organizations, according to a travel warning issued Saturday by the US State Department. "The Department of State made this decision based on security information indicating extremist groups are continuing aggressive efforts to attack US citizens in areas of Istanbul where they reside or frequent," the warning said. The warning goes beyond the one issued last week that urged Americans to avoid traveling to southeast Turkey, especially urban centers near the Turkish-Syrian border, because of recent attacks. Turkey has become increasingly volatile in the past year because of attacks at home and its involvement in the Syrian civil war.

SOURCE: 29 October 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) Vietnam – Government Agency Reports First Microcephaly Case Likely Linked to Zika

(U) Hanoi – Vietnam has reported its first case of microcephaly likely linked to the mosquito-borne Zika virus. The 4-month-old girl with an abnormally small head was born in central Vietnam to a mother confirmed to have had the virus when she was pregnant. If confirmed, Vietnam would be the second country in Southeast Asia after Thailand to have microcephaly case linked to Zika. The statement warned women who are pregnant or planning pregnancies to use precautions such as mosquito nets and mosquito cream and to seek timely medical treatment if they develop a fever or rash.

SOURCE: 31 October 2016, [Washington Post](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Bust Fake Utility Vehicle

(U) Harlingen – Border Patrol agents busted a smuggler driving a fake utility vehicle last week. Agents assigned to the Harlingen Border Patrol Station spotted a suspicious utility vehicle, according to a news release from US Customs and Border Protection. "The vehicle was observed dropping off four illegal immigrants whom agents quickly apprehended. The driver of the fake service truck fled the area on foot after being approached by agents," according to the news release. "A thorough search of the area was conducted but the driver was not located." Agents determined the vehicle wasn't registered to any utility or construction company.

SOURCE: 28 October 2016, [CBS 4 News](#)

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